

**WILLMAR PLANNING COMMISSION  
CITY OF WILLMAR, MN  
WEDNESDAY, JULY 9, 2014**

**MINUTES**

1. The Willmar Planning Commission met on Wednesday, July 9, 2014, at 7:00 p.m. at the Willmar City Offices Conference Room #2.

**\*\* Members Present:** Mark Klema, Andrew Engan, Randy Czarnetzki, Sandy Bebler, Bob Poe, and Aaron Larson.

**\*\*Members Absent:** Gary Geiger, Margaret Fleck, and Scott Thaden.

**\*\* Others Present:** Bruce D. Peterson- Director Planning and Development Services, and Megan DeSchepper- Planner.

2. MINUTES: The minutes of the June 25, 2014 meeting were approved as submitted.
3. BEE KEEPING DISCUSSION CONTINUED: The Commission asked staff to contact the County Health Department and Police Department to seek their input on beekeeping in the City limits.

Mr. Engan made a motion, seconded by Ms. Bebler, to table the discussion for an upcoming meeting.

The motion carried.

4. ZONING ORDINANCE UPDATE DISCUSSION CONTINUED- SECTION 5 SIGNS: The Planning Commission discussed vehicle signs and wraps on business vehicles. Vehicles would still not be able to be used solely for advertising if they weren't delivering a service or product nor were business related they shall be prohibited. Application on vehicles was discussed for the side of vehicles and on roofs. Staff was asked to contact the League of MN Cities regarding vehicle signs. The Commission gave some suggested language regarding vehicle signage that staff will bring for review at an upcoming meeting.
5. WILLMAR AVE. SW STREET R-O-W VACATION: Staff explained that part of the closing and title work for the Jennie-O expansion project requires the vacation of a portion of Willmar Ave. SW that is being rebuilt/relocated a few 100 feet to the north. The new Willmar Ave. SW is constructed the project is just waiting for the new BNSF RR crossing to be completed. The vacation of the old Willmar Ave. SW r-o-w is from the RR to the connection to old Hwy. 40 SW, the vacation would be effective once the new street is open.

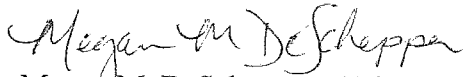
The Commission inquired about any existing utilities in the proposed vacated street. Staff commented that the utilities are aware of the eventual vacation and abandonment of the old road and that rerouting of utilities has been planned for and accommodated.

Mr. Czarnetzki made a motion, seconded by Mr. Engan, to approve the resolution recommending the street r-o-w vacation of a portion of Willmar Ave. SW.

The motion carried.

6. There being no further information to come before the Commission the meeting closed at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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